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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9674**
Yuji KUWABARA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006_0775A
Serial No. 10/584,623 : Group Art Unit 1761
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6. ☒ Comments:

The attached European Search Report cites the references on the attached PTO-1449 form. A copy of JP 63-258994 cited in the European Search Report has already been filed with Applicants' IDS of June 26, 2006. However, the PTO-1449 form filed with this earlier IDS incorrectly cites the JP '994 reference. [The earlier IDS cites JP 63-258894, but this should have been cited as JP 63-258994.] Accordingly, the PTO-1449 form attached to the instant IDS also includes the correct cite for the JP '994 reference. A copy of the reference, and an English abstract, were filed with the earlier IDS.

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